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The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
702 Hart Bldg.  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Paul Wellstone:

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I have been interested in aviation for a long time. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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John S Jensen  
3541 Valley Street N.E.  
Minneapolis, M.N. 55418

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Dear Senator Wellstone

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I am writing to express my concern over upcoming changes proposed by the FCC PR Docket 92-235. I fly model airplanes as a hobby and am a member of a flying club. I have wanted to fly since I was a kid and a couple of years ago I got my wings, so to speak.

The proposed change NPRM-PR Docket 92-235 would remove over 60% of the currently allocated frequencies in the 72-76 MHz band. This rule change would seriously compromise the safety of this hobby because of increased congestion on the remaining frequencies.

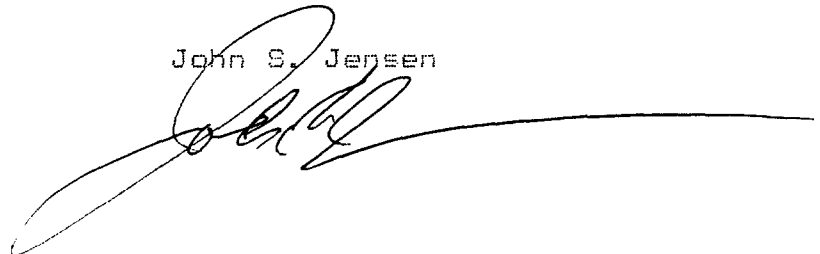
One of the things that we repeatedly stress is safety. This is not an idle concern. The airplanes I fly have 5 to 7 foot wingspans, weight about 12lbs, and travel at about 80 miles per hour. Other people in the club fly even larger airplanes than I do. The airplanes also represent a large investment in time and money. Because of the size, and weight of the airplanes modelers are very conscious of safe operation.

The proposed rule changes would greatly reduce the number of usable frequencies and diminish the safety of this hobby. I am very concerned that increased frequency congestion could result in models crashing. A crash represents considerable time and money for the modeler but even more importantly, could result in someone being injured.

I am asking that you help us to keep our currently allocated frequencies in the 72-76 MHz band.

Thank You,

John S. Jensen

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Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur. I believe this will be death of the hobby for millions of enthusiast across the United States. It will also greatly effect the hobby stores, distributors, and manufactures, rendering many out of business.

I urge you to vote against any attempt to pass PR Docket 92-235. Please write me at address below to inform me on how you will vote.

Sincerely,

*Dana H. Battcher*

Dana Battcher

2309 W. 106<sup>TH</sup> ST.

Bloomington, Mn 55431

(612) 888-8264

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DOUGLAS LEHRMANN  
2917 RAINIER CIRCLE  
BURNSVILLE, MN. 55337

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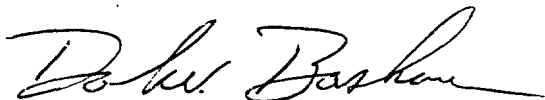
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Sincerely,



98 BURNAMWOOD DR.  
BURNSVILLE, MN 55337

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February 2, 1993

The Honorable Senator Paul Wellstone  
702 Senate Hart Office Building  
Washington, D. 20510

John W. Green  
16011 Kangaroo St. NW  
Ramsey, NM 55303

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Dear Senator Wellstone,

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Mark Strommen  
752 N. Lexington Pkwy  
St. Paul, MN 55104

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Dear Paul I would like you to know I voted for you  
and like the job your doing you have style. Im 39 years old  
and enjoy RC flying and would like it to stay the same  
thanks Im counting on you to look out for the little  
guys. MB

Dear Sir

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Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Mark Strommen



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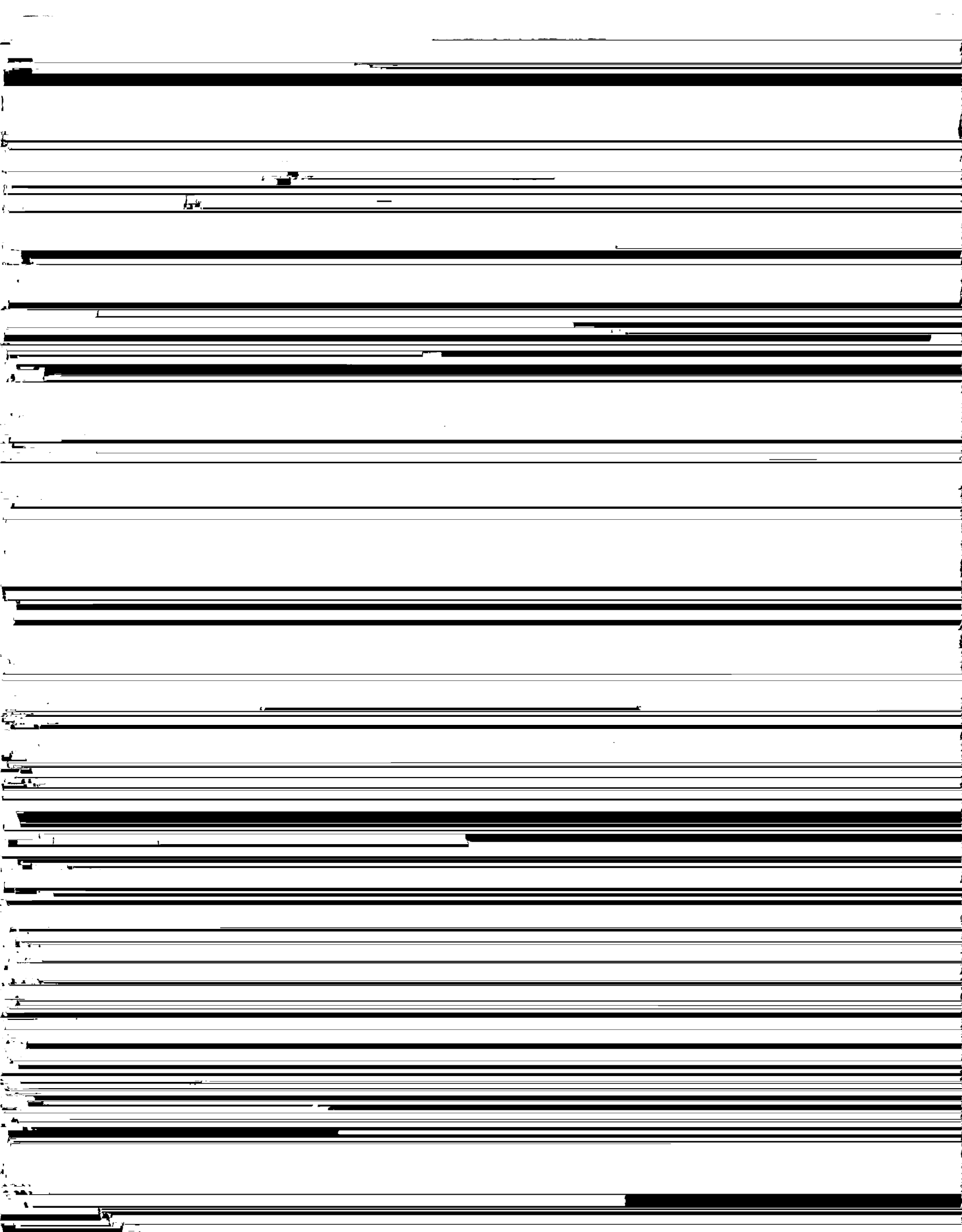
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I urge you to vote against any attempt to pass PR Docket 92-235. Please write me at address below to inform me on how you will vote.

Sincerely, *Ralph L. Knauss*

Ralph KNAUSS  
4059 W 137 1/2 St.  
Savage, Mn.  
55378



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Jim Sandquist  
6810 35th St. No.  
Oakdale, MN 55128

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Dear Senator Wellstone,

I have been an avid modeler for the past seven years. I have enjoyed many safe and happy hours building and flying model aircraft with friends and family. As an active Radio Controlled Model enthusiast I have recently began to fly at a competitive level.

I have recently become concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding document is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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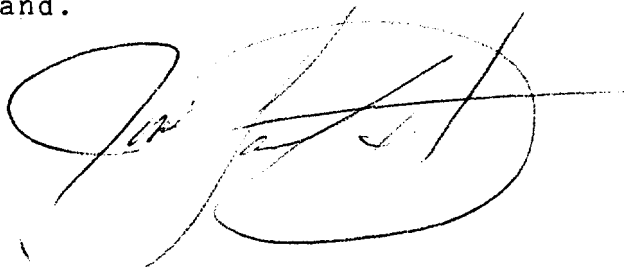
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Understand that many of our models have wingspans up to 10 feet in length and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models are expensive to build, but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury or even death.

I don't think it wise that the FCC seeks to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio control modelers. The FCC may not think that we are as important, but this hobby creates a lot of jobs in this country and provides a wonderful hobby that has developed interest in full scale aviation that has brought many people into the Air Force and provided me with many wonderful hours of enjoyment.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-76 MHz band.



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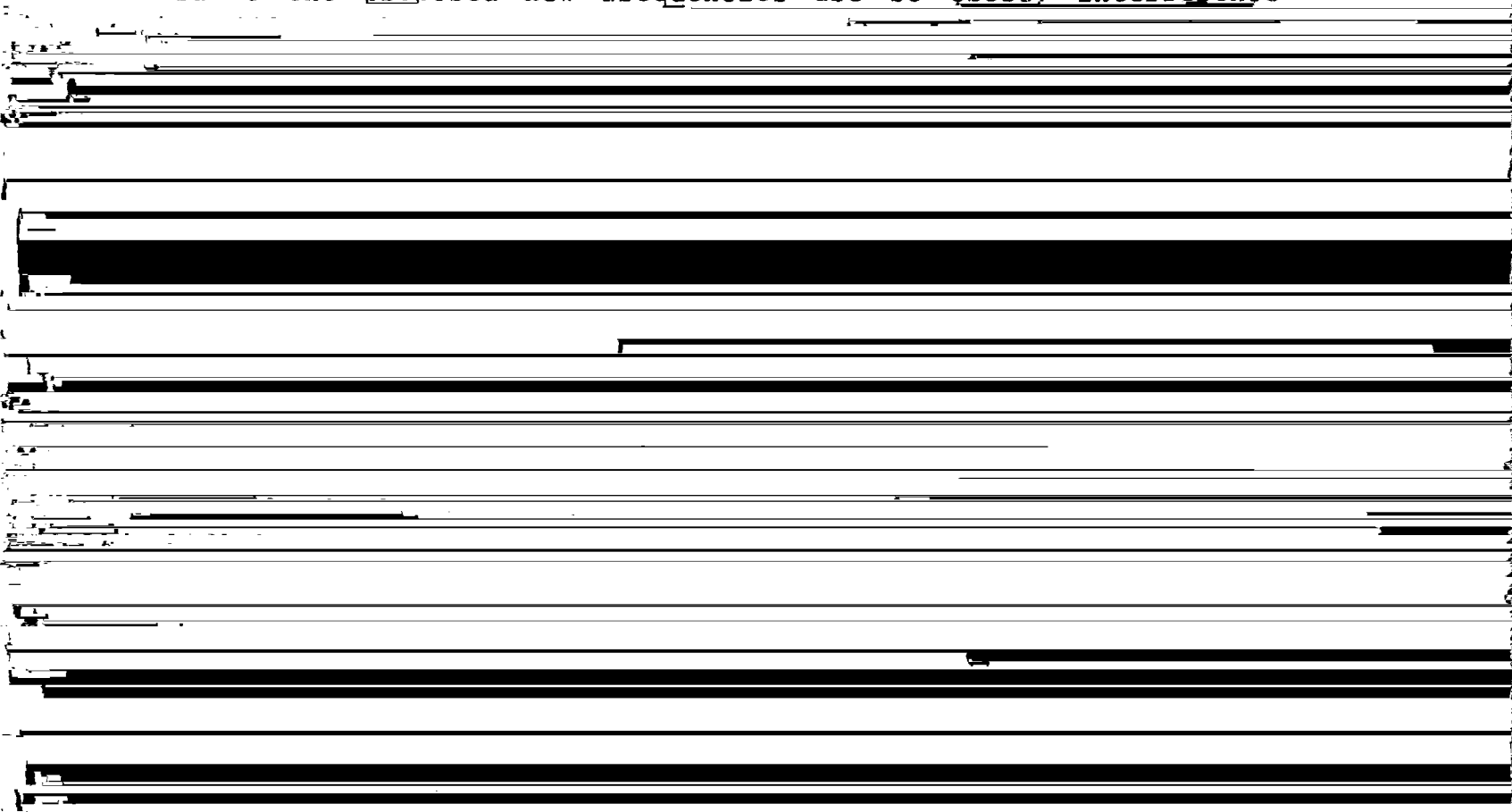
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January 20, 1993

The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
2550 University Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55117

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Dear Senator,

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I am not going to tell you that all we do with our time is spend it with kids. We spend many hours constructing our models. Models can be small school yard size that weight a few ounces or have a 10 foot wing span or larger and can weight 40 or 50 pounds. We have invested our hard earned dollars for the radio control equipment that is safe and interference free to insure that the models we build can be flown safely without injury to property or others who come out to enjoy our hobby as spectators. I do not feel and I am sure you will agree after looking into this that we cannot approve these proposed new rules plan.

Modelers come from all walks of life. Some of our modelers are retired, some are still in grade school. We have modelers that are physically challenged. Unlike other sports or hobbies model aviation knows no boundaries.

Our radio transmitters put out only small amount of power. The pager transmitter puts out almost four times our power. The higher power requires a license for each operator. The FCC has a fee for these types of transmitters. The FCC tracks the number of this type and knows how many user's there are for the higher power stations. They only can guess how many modelers there are. I am here to tell you there are a great number of us. As I said earlier, the estimate is close to 1.8 million with most of us owning 2 or more radios. This is because we have more than one airplane and it allows us to go to the flying field and fly more than one. It also provides us more frequency options and allows more than one aircraft to fly at once.

Senator, I and my fellow pilots are asking you for your help. We need you to put a stop to this plan. I think that my letter to you will be one of many telling of this story that you may not be aware of. Please contact me below to discuss this further if you desire. I realize by definition that the proposed change does allow the FCC to license someone other than pagers, but if you look into it I am sure you will find that the paging companies are the prime benefactors. If the FCC and the pager company lobby feel so strongly about adding more pager frequencies to further line their pockets, let them look elsewhere. The aero modelers are doing far more constructive use of these frequencies than what I believe that the Paging Companies new customers end will be.

Can we count on you? Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don Fisher  
23129 185th St  
Big Lake, MN 55309  
(612) 263-6040

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Senator Paul Wellstone  
2550 University Ave. West  
St. Paul, MN. 55114

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Dear Senator Wellstone:

I am writing to you in regards to a government agency that seems to believe that it is so under staffed and under funded that it cannot perform it's function. I am referring to the Federal Communications Commission.

In my neighborhood there is a young man who is operating a citizens band radio. He personally causes severe interference to my telephone and stereo system. I know of one neighbor who has interference caused to his Television and intercom system. Yet another Neighbor can't watch channel 2 because of the interference caused by this individual.

Not only does this person interfere with his neighbor's electronic equipment, he also uses his radio as a forum to challenge and insult other CB radio operators to fight. He even invites them to our neighborhood to do battle with him. This of course places us all in danger.

One of my neighbors called the F.C.C. and complained. They sent him a complaint form, which he filled out and returned to them. After two weeks he followed up with them. He was told that they did not have adequate funding to enforce any laws upon the offending party and that they would do nothing.

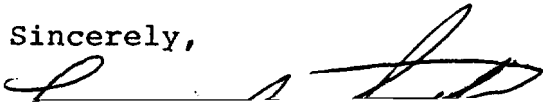
Today I called the F.C.C. and told them I wished to file a complaint. The woman that I spoke to said that the F.C.C. no longer investigates C.B. Radio violations as they have no funding to do so. When I told them that I was a licensed amateur radio operator and have a good suspicion that the offender was using illegal power (transmitter output) she said, and I quote " We don't care".

When I asked her why it was that the F.C.C. has adequate funding to track down and violate offending Amateur Radio Operators, she said that it was different and that it was a matter of policy from Washington.

Senator, if a federal agency is incapable of accomplishing its function it should either be funded to do so or abolished all together. I would appreciate any influence you might have on this agency to get them to do their job.

In these times of economic depression the American people cannot afford a lame duck agency such as the F.C.C. to exist. We pay taxes for these services and we deserve more than some government secretary telling us "We don't care".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "P. L. D.", written over a horizontal line.

Gary Foster  
463 - 2nd Ave SW  
Winnebago, MN 56098

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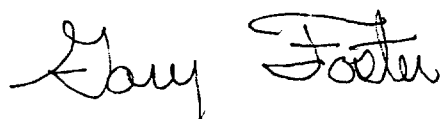
I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operation radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own 5 radios, 7 R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operation my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PP Docket 92-225 - If adopted the new rule will

commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary Foster". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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Dear Senator Wellstone:

This is in reference to my serious concern  
over the impact of The FCC's Proposed  
Rule making on my hobby of Radio

The FCC to find some way to accommodate  
the new mobile users without such  
a severe impact on this major  
hobby enjoyed by thousands of  
enthusiasts such as myself -

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The proposed rule making is PR DOCKET 92-235. If adopted the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for MODEL AIRCRAFT use and increase the risk of accidents and liability for controlling model airplanes.

I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio control models.



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There are thousands of persons, retirees as well as youngsters who are enjoying the building and use of Model Aircraft. Also many business enterprises are in the production of Model aircraft parts.

If channels for control of Models is lost, many persons will feel the effects of losing a hobby and sport as well as tremendous financial losses.